In the Claims

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for the automated solid-phase synthesis of oligosaccharides, comprising:

a reaction vessel containing at least one insoluble resin bead; at least one donor vessel containing a saccharide donor solution; at least one activator vessel containing an activating reagent solution; at least one deblocking vessel containing a deblocking reagent solution; at least one solvent vessel containing a solvent;

a solution transfer system capable of transferring the saccharide donor solution, activating reagent solution, deblocking reagent solution, and solvent to the reaction vessel; and

a computer for controlling the solution transfer system.

- 2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one insoluble resin bead has a glycosyl acceptor tethered to the resin bead via an organic linker.
- 3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a temperature control unit for regulating the temperature of the reaction vessel.
- 4. (**original**) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the temperature control unit is controlled by the computer.
- 5. (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the temperature control unit measures the internal temperature of the reaction vessel.
- 6. (**original**) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the reaction vessel is a double-wall structure forming two cavities, wherein the first cavity accommodates the synthesis of oligosaccharides, and wherein the second cavity accommodates a coolant of the temperature control unit.
- 7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the double-wall structure of the reaction vessel is comprised of glass.

- 8. (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the temperature control unit is capable of maintaining the reaction vessel at a temperature of between -80C and +60C.
- 9. (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the temperature control unit is capable of maintaining the reaction vessel at a temperature of between -25C and +40C.
- 10. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one donor vessel contains a solution comprising a glycosyl trichloroacetimidate.
- 11. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one donor vessel contains a solution comprising a glycosyl phosphate.
- 12. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one activator vessel contains a solution comprising a Lewis acid.
- 13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the at least one activator vessel contains a solution comprising a silyl trifluoromethanesulfonate.
- 14. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the at least one activator vessel contains a solution comprising trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate.
- 15. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one deblocking vessel contains a solution comprising sodium methoxide.
- 16. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one deblocking vessel contains a solution comprising hydrazine.
- 17. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one solvent vessel contains dichloromethane.
- 18. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one solvent vessel contains tetrahydrofuran.
- 19. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one solvent vessel contains methanol.
- 20. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the at least one donor vessel contains a solution comprising a glycosyl trichloroacetimidate, the at least one activator vessel contains a solution comprising trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, the at least one

deblocking vessel contains a solution comprising sodium methoxide, a first solvent vessel contains dichloromethane, a second solvent vessel contains methanol, and a third solvent vessel contains tetrahydrofuran.

- 21. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the at least one donor vessel contains a solution comprising a glycosyl phosphate, the at least one activator vessel contains a solution comprising trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, the at least one deblocking vessel contains a solution comprising sodium methoxide, a first solvent vessel contains dichloromethane, a second solvent vessel contains methanol, and a third solvent vessel contains tetrahydrofuran.
- 22. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least one blocking vessel containing a blocking reagent solution.
- 23. (original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the at least one blocking vessel contains a solution comprising benzyl trichloroacetimidate.
- 24. (original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the at least one blocking vessel contains a solution comprising a carboxylic acid.
- 25. (original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the carboxylic acid is levulinic acid.
- 26. (original) The apparatus of claim 22, further comprising a temperature control unit for regulating the temperature of the reaction vessel, and wherein the at least one insoluble resin bead has a glycosyl acceptor tethered to the resin bead via an organic linker.
- 27. (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the at least one blocking vessel contains a solution comprising levulinic acid, the at least one donor vessel contains a solution comprising a glycosyl phosphate donor, the at least one activator vessel contains a solution comprising trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, the at least one deblocking vessel contains a solution comprising hydrazine, a first solvent vessel contains dichloromethane, a second solvent vessel contains methanol, and a third solvent vessel contains tetrahydrofuran, a fourth solvent vessel contains a solution comprising pyridine

and acetic acid, and a fifth solvent vessel contains a 0.2 M solution of acetic acid in tetrahydrofuran.

- 28. (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the at least one blocking vessel contains a solution comprising levulinic acid, a first donor vessel contains a solution comprising a glycosyl trichloroacetimidate, a second donor vessel contains a solution comprising a first glycosyl phosphate, a third donor vessel contains a solution comprising a second glycosyl phosphate, the at least one activator vessel contains a solution comprising trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, a first deblocking vessel contains a solution comprising hydrazine, a second deblocking vessel contains a solution comprising sodium methoxide, a first solvent vessel contains dichloromethane, a second solvent vessel contains methanol, and a third solvent vessel contains tetrahydrofuran, a fourth solvent vessel contains a solution comprising pyridine and acetic acid, and a fifth solvent vessel contains a 0.2 M solution of acetic acid in tetrahydrofuran.
- 29. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one insoluble resin bead is comprised of an octenediol functionalized resin.
- 30. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the organic linker is comprised of a glycosyl phosphate.

Claims 31-58 (canceled)